

Thursday, September 18, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Interior Appropriations, 1998.

The House agreed to H. Res. 168, to implement the recommendations of the bipartisan House Ethics Reform Task Force.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9531–S9700

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S1191–1198. Pages S9636–37

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 1086, to codify without substantive change laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code.

S. Res. 122, declaring September 26, 1997, as “Austrian-American Day”.

S. 170, to provide for a process to authorize the use of clone pagers.

S. 493, to amend section 1029 of title 18, United States Code, with respect to cellular telephone cloning paraphernalia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S9636

Measures Passed:

Interior Appropriations, 1998: By 93 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 251), Senate passed H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S9532–S9627

Adopted:

Stevens/Dodd Amendment No. 1219, to express a sense of the Senate that hearings should be conducted and legislation debated during this Congress that would address Federal funding for the arts.

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Committee amendment beginning on page 96, line 12 through page 97, line 8, relating to the funding for the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Enzi Modified Amendment No. 1221, to provide for limitations on certain Indian gaming operations.

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Bryan Amendment No. 1222 (to Amendment No. 1221), to express the sense of the Senate that the Department of Justice should enforce provisions of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act requiring an approved tribal/state gaming compact. Page S9561–62

Gorton (for Bennett/Hatch) Amendment No. 1225, to provide funding for the engineering and design of road in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Page S9572

Gorton (for DeWine) Amendment No. 1226, to require the Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts to give priority to funding projects, productions, workshops, or programs that serve underserved populations. Page S9572

Gorton (for Graham) Amendment No. 1227, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report identifying at least 20 sites on Federal land that are potentially suitable for Youth Environmental Service program activities. Pages S9572–73

Reid/Bryan Amendment No. 1228, regarding the classification of gambling devices by the National Indian Gaming Commission. Pages S9573–74

Bingaman/Murkowski Amendment No. 1229, to provide an alternative source of funds for operation of, or acquisition, transportation, and injection of petroleum products into, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Pages S9588–90

Gorton (for Murray/Gorton/Murkowski) Amendment No. 1230, relating to the use and disposition of Alaska Western Red Cedar. Page S9590

McCain/Stevens Amendment No. 1231, to provide for the disposition of oil lease revenue received as a result of the Supreme Court’s decision in *United States of America v. State of Alaska*.

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Gorton (for Smith/Wyden) Amendment No. 1234, to make certain emergency construction Forest Service funds available for reconstruction of the

Oakridge Ranger Station, Willamette National Forest in Oregon. **Page S9596**

Gorton (for McCain) Amendment No. 1235, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to submit to Congress a report on properties proposed to be acquired or exchanged with funds appropriated from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. **Pages S9596–97**

Gorton (for Mack/Graham) Amendment No. 1236, to settle certain Miccosukee Indian land takings claims within the State of Florida. **Pages S9597–98**

Gorton (for Bingaman/Domenici) Amendment No. 1237, to provide support for the Office of Navajo Uranium Workers to establish a diagnostic program for uranium miners and mill workers. **Page S9598**

Gorton (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 1238, to provide funding for the U-505 National Historic Landmark by reprogramming funds previously made available for the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. **Page S9598**

Gorton (for Domenici/Kyl) Amendment No. 1239, to ensure an orderly transition to newly implemented guidelines on National Forests in Arizona and New Mexico. **Page S9600**

Gorton (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1240, to make a technical correction to title 31, United States Code, relating to payments for entitlement land. **Pages S9600–01**

Gorton/Byrd Amendment No. 1241, to reduce certain Fish and Wildlife Service Construction projects, National Forest System recreation and wildlife habitat management programs, and Forest Service Construction, and provide funds for further projects. **Pages S9601–02**

Reid Amendment No. 1242, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada. **Page S9602**

Gorton (for Abraham/Levin/Hatch) Amendment No. 1243, to increase funding for payments in lieu of taxes, and reduce certain Forest System funds. **Page S9602**

Reid (for Bryan/Reid) Amendment No. 1244, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain properties in Clark County, Nevada, to persons who purchased adjacent properties in good faith reliance on land surveys that were subsequently determined to be inaccurate. **Pages S9602–03**

By 81 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 250), Murkowski Amendment No. 1245, to establish conditions for the transfer of rights and interests in the Stampede Mine Site in Alaska to the Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S9603–05**

Gorton (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 1246, relating to the appointment, compensation and duties of officers and employees of the Presidio Trust. **Page S9605**

Committee amendment beginning on page 46, line 15 through page 47, line 25, striking language relating to advance payments under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. **Page S9605**

Committee amendment beginning on page 115, lines 1 through 22, relating to funds associated with Alaska Native regional corporation health care entities. **Page S9605**

Committee amendment on beginning on page 123, line 9 through page 124, line 20, relating to the use of Bureau of Land Management funds for surface mining. **Page S9605**

Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 246), Hutchison Amendment No. 1186 (to the committee amendment beginning on page 96, line 12 through page 97, line 8), to provide necessary expenses of the National Endowment for the Arts. **Pages S9532–36**

Hutchinson Modified Amendment No. 1196, to authorize the President to implement the recently announced American Heritage Rivers Initiative subject to designation of qualified rivers by Act of Congress. (By 57 yeas to 42 nays (vote No. 247), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9532, S9537–53**

By 34 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 248), Kyl Amendment No. 1223, to provide additional funding for law enforcement activities of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to reduce gang violence, and to reduce funding for the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. **Pages S9563–71**

Withdrawn:

Murkowski/Thomas Amendment No. 1232 (to Amendment No. 1231), to provide for the disposition of certain escrowed oil and gas revenue received as a result of the Supreme Court's decision in the United States of America v. State of Alaska. **Pages S9593–96, S9604–05**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 59 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 249), Bumpers/Gregg Amendment No. 1224 (to committee amendment beginning on page 123, line 9 through page 124, line 20), to ensure that Federal taxpayers receive a fair return for the extraction of locatable minerals on public domain land and that abandoned mines are reclaimed, was ruled as being in violation of Article 1, Section 7 of the Constitution, and not in order. **Pages S9576–87**

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Gorton,

Stevens, Cochran, Domenici, Burns, Bennett, Gregg, Campbell, Byrd, Leahy, Bumpers, Hollings, Reid, Dorgan, and Boxer. **Page S9626**

Immigration Authority: Senate passed S. 1198, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for entry into the United States of certain religious workers, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Jeffords (for Hatch/Kennedy) Amendment No. 1247, to provide for waiver of fees for non-immigrants engaged in certain charitable activities.

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FDA Modernization and Accountability Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. (The modification incorporated the language of Jeffords Amendment No. 1130, in the nature of a substitute.)

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Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 1137 (to Amendment No. 1130), authorizing funds for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2000 to establish within the National Institutes of Health an agency to be known as the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Tuesday, September 23, 1997.

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Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1998—Additional Conferees: Senators Stevens and Byrd were added as conferees to H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with Australia on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 105–27).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

David A. Lipton, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S9632**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Paul R. Carey, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Laura S. Unger, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Jose Gerado Troncoso, of Nevada, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nevada.

A routine list in the Coast Guard and Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

William F. Weld, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Mexico, which was sent to the Senate on July 23, 1997.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—251)

Pages S9536, S9553, S9571, S9587, S9605, S9626.

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:10 a.m., and adjourned at 11:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 19, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9694.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the terms and parameters of the proposed settlement between State

Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed and distributed in America, focusing on its impact on tobacco growers, after receiving testimony from Indiana Attorney General Jeffrey A. Modisett, Indianapolis; Tommy Irvin, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Atlanta; A. Blake Brown, North Carolina State University, W.B. Jenkins, North Carolina Farm Bureau, and Arnold Hamm, Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, all of Raleigh, North Carolina; Bruce L. Gardner, University of Maryland, College Park; William R. Sprague, Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation, Louisville; and William M. Snell, University of Kentucky, Rod Kuegel, Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative, and Karen Armstrong-Cummings, Commodity Growers Cooperative Association, all of Lexington, Kentucky.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Robert L. Mallett, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, and W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Mallett was introduced by Senator Hutchison and Representative Jackson-Lee, and Mr. Gould was introduced by Senator Kerry.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on the current status of the International Space Station Program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, focusing on recent developments in cost analysis, scheduling, operation and management of the space station, after receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, Malcolm L. Peterson, Comptroller, and Frank Culbertson, Phase I Shuttle Mir Program Manager, Johnson Space Center (Houston, Texas), all of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Allen Li, Associate Director, and Frank Degnan, Assistant Director, both of Defense Acquisitions Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; and Douglas C. Stone, Boeing Company, Houston, Texas.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary, Mary Anne Sullivan, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Pro-

gram Evaluation, Dan Reicher, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, John C. Angell, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Michael Telson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Wyche Fowler, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Martin S. Indyk, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Barbara K. Bodine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, Robin Lynn Raphel, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, and Johnny Young, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Fowler was introduced by Senator Cleland, Mr. Indyk was introduced by Senators Moynihan and Lieberman, and Mr. Young was introduced by Senator Sarbanes.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee continued hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Jerome Campane, Supervisory Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice (detailed to the Committee as Special Investigator); Charles Kyle Simpson, Senior Policy Adviser to the Secretary of Energy; John Carter, former Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and Roger E. Tamraz, New York, New York.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Marjorie O. Rendell, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Richard A. Lazzara, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Christina A. Snyder, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California;

H.R. 1086, to codify without substantive change laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code;

S. 493, to improve the ability of law enforcement to investigate and prosecute individuals engaged in the activity of cloning cellular phone paraphernalia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 170, to provide for a process to authorize the use of clone pagers (defined as a numeric display device that receives communications intended for another numeric display paging device); and

S. Res. 122, declaring September 26, 1997, as "Austrian-American Day".

SENATE ELECTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed hearings, in open and closed session, to review certain petitions filed in connection with a contested United States Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, after receiving testimony from numerous public witnesses.

Committee recessed subject to call.

CHINA

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held hearings on intelligence matters with regard to China, focusing on certain aspects of internal Chinese politi-

cal and economic developments, Chinese foreign and military policy, and Chinese intelligence activities that affect United States national security and challenge U.S. intelligence collection and analysis, receiving testimony from Michael Pillsbury, Associate Fellow, National Defense University (Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.), Department of Defense; Harry Wu, Hoover Institute, Stanford, California; James R. Lilley, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, former U.S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, and Peter W. Rodman, Nixon Center for Peace and Freedom, both of Washington, D.C.; and Gary Milhollin, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, on behalf of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control.

Also, committee held closed hearings on related intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2493, 2495-2511; 2 private bills, H.R. 2494, 2512; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 153-154, and H. Res. 233-237, were introduced. **Pages H7599-H7600**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1460, to allow for election of the Delegate from Guam by other than separate ballot, amended (H. Rept. 105-253);

Conference report on H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105-254);

H. Res. 232, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105-255);

H.R. 1683, to clarify the standards for State sex offender registration programs under the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, amended (H. Rept. 105-256);

H.R. 2027, to provide for the revision of the requirements for a Canadian border boat landing permit pursuant to section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and to require the Attorney General to report to the Congress on the impact of such revision (H. Rept. 105-257); and

H.R. 2181, to ensure the safety of witnesses and to promote notification of the interstate relocation of witnesses by States and localities engaging in that relocation (H. Rept. 105-258). **Pages H7580-89, H7599**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Betty McWhorter of Washington, D.C. **Page H7531**

Journal: By a ye and nay vote of 337 yeas to 78 nays, Roll No. 406, agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, September 18. **Pages H7531, H7536**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Doggett motion to adjourn by a ye and nay vote of 41 yeas to 370 nays, Roll No. 405. **Pages H7535-36**

House Ethics Reform Task Force: By a recorded vote of 258 ayes to 154 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 413, the House agreed to H. Res. 168, to implement the recommendations of the bipartisan House Ethics Reform Task Force. **Pages H7544-73**

Rejected the Cardin motion to recommit the resolution to the Committee on Rules with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 236 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 412. **Pages H7568-72**

Agreed To:

The Livingston amendment that makes the rules provided in H. Res. 168 applicable to all complaints

filed during this or any subsequent Congress (agreed to by a recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting “no” and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 408);

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The Murtha amendment that requires that all non-members filing complaints must have a Member of the House sponsor the complaint (agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 193 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 409); and

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The Bunning amendment that requires a vote of an actual majority of the investigative subcommittee to expand the scope of the investigation and an actual majority of the members of the full committee to confirm it thereafter (agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 194 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 411).

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Rejected:

The Tauzin amendment that sought to provide for the dismissal without prejudice of a complaint 180 calendar days after a motion to establish an investigative subcommittee does not prevail (rejected by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 236 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 410).

Pages H7559–64

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 230, the rule that provided for consideration of the resolution by a voice vote. Agreed to order the previous question by a ye and nay vote of 227 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 407.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for fiscal year 1998.

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Question of Privilege of the House: The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 233, relating to question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. By a recorded vote of 289 ayes to 65 noes with 7 voting “present”, Roll No. 415, agreed to the resolution.

Pages H7573–78

Earlier, rejected the Stearns motion to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 86 ayes to 291 noes with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 414.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of September 22.

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Meeting Hour—September 22: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, September 22.

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Meeting Hour September 23: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 on Tuesday, September 23 for morning-hour debate

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, September 24.

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Donation of Surplus Property to Nonprofit Organizations: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 680, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H7578–79

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office Memorial Building: The House passed H.R. 2443, to designate the Federal building located at 601 Fourth Street, N.W., in the District of Columbia, as the “Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office Memorial Building”, in honor of William H. Christian, Jr., Martha Dixon Martinez, Michael J. Miller, Anthony Palmisano, and Edwin R. Woodruffe.

Pages H7579–80

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7531.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7535–36, H7536, H7543–44, H7554–55, H7558–59, H7563–64, H7568, H7572, H7572–73, H7573–74, and H7577. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FINANCIAL PRIVACY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on financial privacy. Testimony was heard from Leslie Byrne, Director and Special Assistant to the President, Office of Consumer Affairs; David Medine, Associate Director, Credit Practices Division, FTC; Dan Greenwood, Deputy General Counsel, Information Technology Division, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1270, amended, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997; H.R. 2472, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; and H.R. 2165, to extend the deadline under

the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project Number 3862 in the State of Iowa.

CONSOLIDATION LOAN PROCESS SHUTDOWN

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning held a hearing on the Shutdown of the Consolidation Loan Process in the William D. Ford Direct Student Loan Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Marshall Smith, Acting Deputy Secretary; and Thomas Bloom, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

SWISS HEROIN EXPERIMENTS FAILURE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Needle Exchange, Legalization, and the Failure of the Swiss Heroin Experiments. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD NIGERIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on United States Policy Toward Nigeria. Testimony was heard from Representative Jefferson; Johnnie Carson, Acting Assistant Secretary, Africa, Department of State; and public witnesses.

FREEDOM FROM RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2431, Freedom From Religious Persecution Act of 1997.

FIRST AMENDMENT AND RESTRICTIONS ON ISSUE ADVOCACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing regarding the First Amendment and Restrictions on Issue Advocacy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CRIMINAL ASSET FORFEITURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on Criminal Asset Forfeiture. Testimony was heard from Jan P. Blanton, Director, Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture, Department of the Treasury; Stefan D. Cassella, Assistant Chief, Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources concluded oversight hearings on Royalty-In-Kind for Federal oil and gas production (Part II). Testimony was heard from Robert Brown, Associate Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. CANADA PACIFIC SALMON TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on U.S.-Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiations. Testimony was heard from James Pipkin, U.S. Special Negotiator for Pacific Salmon; Mary Beth West, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans, Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science, Department of State; David Benton, Commissioner, Pacific Salmon Treaty, State of Alaska; and public witnesses.

GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTIONS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 151, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should manage its public domain national forests to maximize the reduction of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere among many other objectives and that the United States should serve as an example and as a world leader in actively managing its public domain national forests in a manner that substantially reduces the amount of carbon dioxide added to the atmosphere. Testimony was heard from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and against its consideration. The rule also provides that upon adoption of the resolution the House shall be considered to have adopted the concurrent resolution specified in section 3 of the resolution. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skeen and Kaptur.

MIR SAFETY

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on MIR Safety. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NASA: Roberta L. Gross, Inspector General; and

Frank Culbertson, Manager, Phase I Program, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center; Marcia S. Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunications Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—STRATEGIC PLAN

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs strategic plan required by the Government Performance and Results Act. Testimony was heard from Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Associate Director, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; Dennis Duffy, Assistant Secretary, Policy and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles Cragin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Reserve Affairs); Gary Christopherson, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Health Affairs); and Lt. Gen. Norman Lezy, USAF, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Military Personnel Policy); Al Borrego, Assistant Secretary-Designate, Veterans' Employment and Training Services, Department of Labor; Dennis W. Snook, Specialist, Social Legislation, Education and Public Welfare Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and representatives of veterans' organizations.

CHILD SUPPORT INCENTIVES LEGISLATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2487, Child Support Incentive Act of 1997.

FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Conferees met to continue to resolve the differences between the Senate and House-passed versions of

H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE IN EUROPE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to examine religious intolerance in participating States of the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe, focusing on government actions and policies inhibiting and restricting the profession and practice of religions or beliefs, and related measures, after receiving testimony from Ekaterina Smyslova, Institute of Religion and Law, Moscow, Russia; Rev. Drew Christiansen, United States Catholic Conference, Washington, D.C.; George Papaioannou, Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America; James M. McCabe, San Diego, California, on behalf of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania; W. Cole Durham, Jr., Brigham Young University School of Law, Provo, Utah, on behalf of the International Academy of Freedom of Religion and Belief; Shimon Samuels, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Paris, France; Laila Al-Marayati, Muslim Women's League, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the Department of State Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad; Steven V. Selthoffer, Evangelical Christian Church, and Terry D. Jones, Christliche Gemeinde Koln, both of Cologne, Germany; and John Travolta, Chick Corea, and Issac Hayes, all of Hollywood, California, all on behalf of the Church of Scientology.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine campaign matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, September 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Senate Chamber

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